



## HISTORICAL & CULTURAL WORKING GROUP GROUP

Meeting Minutes 9:00 12/18/17

Town Hall Annex 2nd Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Nat Strosberg Planning Dept Chair, Lara Kritzer Consultant, Laura Wiener Planning Department, Steve Makowka, JoAnn Robinson, Diane Schafer, George Parsons, Ann LeRoyer, Pete Howard

Nat introduced Lara & handed out an agenda saying that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the list of properties that members had received by email. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of a multi phase project which seeks to add properties to the inventory as requested by the MHC using the state grant. For future studies, the committee may consider other objectives such as reviewing the existing inventory using CPA funds.

Lara said she, working w/ JoAnn had chosen the properties from the list in the contract that are mostly in Pcts 8 & 10 because they seem to be groupings of houses built mostly before WWII, in good condition representing styles from that period in complete neighborhoods. She thought it would be good to complete evaluation of the rest of the houses on Bartlett Ave since some were already listed. She said almost none of the houses on Churchill Road and intersecting streets had been evaluated. She noted that the 3 properties that she highlighted in orange are questionable for this purpose since they were built in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. She said the 8 houses clustered on the Belmont line on Lake St & Village Lane are an interesting group.

Members questioned this list with the following observations. There is no need to emphasize entire neighborhoods since that is a historic district theme. Some of the houses in Pct 8 & 10 on nearby small streets close to Mass Ave should be considered. No one questioned the 4 houses north of Mass Ave in an older section of town. The houses on the Belmont line are far from Arlington proper so some members thought that it would be a better use of funds to evaluate houses closer to the center of population. The northern branch of Temple St could be eliminated w/o affecting the study because it is beyond the contiguous neighborhood bounded by Lockeland Ave.

There was a discussion of evaluating AHS. Members expressed concern that introducing historical constraints on this large, complicated and expensive project would slow it down and increase the expense. Lara said a complete evaluation would be far beyond the scope of this study. She was planning a preliminary study. Members of the Historical Commission feel the historical evaluation is important regardless of the impact.

At Nat's urging, the members agreed to divide into teams and consider houses both on the list and those on nearby streets in Pct 8 & 10 as follows:

Pete & Laura: Bartlett Ave, Windermere Ave, Newman Way

Steve & Diane: Churchill Ave, Temple St, Endicott Rd  
JoAnn, George, Ann: Lockeland Ave, Field Rd, Bailey Rd, Wildwood Ave, Gloucester St

The next meeting will be the week of Jan 1. Nat will use an on line scheduler to arrange a date & time. The list of properties must be completed at that meeting to give Lara enough time to do her job. Groups are urged to circulate their results before the meeting.

Pete Howard Secretary 12/19/17 Revised 1/2/18